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1. Between 8 and 13 February 1951, the Marstall Kaserne in Ludwigslust (M 54/T 53) quartered 800 to 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 100 soldiers received training in firing on 12 February.

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[REDACTED] with about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were observed in the tank training area south of the Techentin airfield on 8 February. Twenty officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, were seen in the tank training area on 13 February. Groups of two officers alternately mounted a JS tank to practice aiming. The officers were subsequently joined by 10 other officers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Three trucks, including [REDACTED] were used for driving practice at the airfield area, each truck carrying five student drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. \*\*

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3. On 17 February the Kavallerie Kaserne in the southeastern sector of Ludwigs-lust still quartered troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Some of the officers seen there wore artillery insignia. Installation were numbered:

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4. The Techentin airfield installation on the northern edge of the field was occupied by tank troops. T-43 tanks were in the garages. Other tanks which were covered with tarpaulins seemed to be of JS type. One of the T-43 tanks bore the number 236, followed by a small 5. The hangars on the southern edge of the Techentin airfield were occupied by tanks and guarded by sentries

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who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The entire airfield area was crisscrossed by tank tracks which led to the wooded area east of Berliner Chaussee. \*\*

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\* Comment. The information indicates no change since the last report of early February 1951. See [redacted]

25X1A All motor vehicle numbers mentioned in the present report belonged to series of the 18th Mecz Div.

\* Comment. The 119th Gds Hy Tank SP Regt and the 1054th How Arty Regt are carried as at the Techentin airfield. The information by the end of January 1951. See [redacted].

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